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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action dated November 4, 2005 for the above-captioned Prior to further examination, please amend the above-captioned patent patent application. application as follows: